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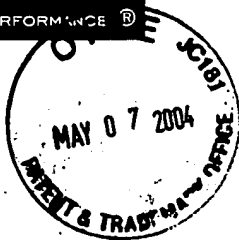
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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/763,053, Filed 1/21/04
Inventor(s): Hartle et al.

DIMETALHYDROXY MALATE FORTIFIED FOOD MATRICES
Attorney Docket No. 21422.CIP

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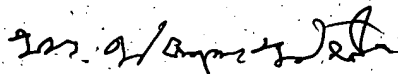
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For all listed references that are not either in the English language, or accompanied by a translation into English, a concise explanation of relevance as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) is enclosed attached to each.

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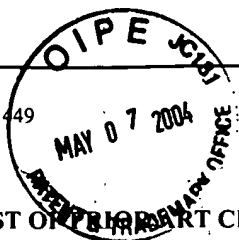
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